



**U.S. ARMY-SPONSORED eCYBERMISSION COMPETITION ANNOUNCES  
2006 NATIONAL WINNERS**

***Finalist teams awarded nearly \$130,000 in savings bonds***

**WASHINGTON - June 22, 2006** - Four national winners were announced today in the U.S. Army's 2006 eCYBERMISSION competition.

The four national winners from grades six through nine are: *Sew-n-Sew* from Whiteface Elementary School in Whiteface, Texas & Mickey Cox Elementary School in Clovis, Calif.; *VROOOM!* from Whiteface Junior High School in Whiteface, Texas; *'Cane Hammers* from Walter C. Young Middle School in Pembroke Pines, Fla.; and *E coli Busters* from H.O.M.E.S. 4-H in Yardley, Pa.

First place national winners receive a \$5,000 EE savings bond, in addition to the \$3,000 EE savings bond received for selection as a regional winner. All 16 finalist teams also earned an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. for the eCYBERMISSION National Judging and Educational Event, a series of educational enrichment activities and events.

"We are extremely proud of all of our regional and national winners," said Tom Moyer, U.S. Army eCYBERMISSION program manager. "The Army recognizes the importance of science, math and technology to the welfare of our nation. eCYBERMISSION supports our nation's commitment to education and inspires future leaders in these fields."

eCYBERMISSION is a web-based science, math and technology competition that allows students in grades six through nine to compete for regional and national awards, while working to solve problems in their community.

All four national winners presented interesting and diverse projects:

- Concerned by the isolation that young cancer patients face, *Sew-n-Sew* sought to offer comfort by making handmade pillow cases and delivering them to local children's hospitals;
- *VROOOM!* looked to influence their peers' All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) riding behaviors by developing and implementing an educational program to encourage responsible use of ATVs among students;
- Due to the prevalence of hurricanes in their area, the *'Cane Hammers* sought to identify the type of mobile home roof that is most resistant to wind and communicated their findings to mobile home construction companies and residents in their community; and
- *E coli Busters* invented a video system to test whether a burger is adequately cooked, in efforts to replace the internal temperature probe that is currently used in many chain restaurants across the country.

Conceived four years ago by the U.S. Army, eCYBERMISSION has awarded more than \$2.5 million in prize money in support of the science, math and technology leaders of tomorrow. Over 25,000 students from across the country and in U.S. territories and Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) schools worldwide have participated in the competition. This year, 1,111 teams, composed of 4,035 students, submitted their research to the Army for judging.

Registration opens for next year's competition on September 1, 2006. For more information, please visit [www.ecybermission.com](http://www.ecybermission.com) or call The U. S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command's public communications office at (410) 436-4345.



GEN Benjamin Griffin, commander of U.S. Army Materiel Command, congratulates Matthew Jacobs of the eCYBERMISSION National winning eight- grade team 'Cane Hammers' after handing him his mock \$5,000 savings bond in Washington, D.C. June 22 as the rest of his teammates and team advisor look on.  
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Secretary of the Army Francis J. Harvey, places the eCYBERMISSION National Award Medal around the neck of ninth-grader Yu-Li Hunsicker, of the E Coli Busters team Yardley, Pa. June 22. Hunsicker, along with the rest of her teammates won an additional \$5,000 EE Savings bond in addition to the \$3,000 EE Savings bond they won at the regional level.  
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